President Paxton called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and welcomed Dr. Weintraub and press representatives Carl Redman, Clancy Sollers, and Rachel Wallace.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 1985. There being no additions or corrections, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. President's Report

President Paxton received a letter from Mr. Martin (Director of the Physical Plant) that responds to concerns raised by the Senators at the last meeting. The Physical Plant: has acquired 50 new trash containers, and will replace the 55 gallon drums now on campus; is consulting building coordinators to determine security requirements for each building; is preparing a customer service manual to better inform the university community about its operations.

It was brought to the attention of the Senators that "alternate representation" at the Senate meetings should be a faculty member or another Senator from the same college (as stated in the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate).

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee has nominated Kenneth Koonce (Experimental Statistics) and Tillie Krieger (Library Science) to represent the faculty on the Budget Committee. Nominated to attend the GLCU Conference in 1986 were: Charles Adams (Coastal Studies), Edith Babin (English), Kenneth McMillin (Animal Science), and James Retherford (Mathematics). The election will be at the April 16, 3:30 p.m. meeting of the Faculty Council.

The slate of candidates for Faculty Senate offices presented by the Senate Nominating Committee (Senators Arnas [Chair], Blackwell, Junghan, and Paskoff) are:

- President: Martha Collins (Education) and David Cordell (Business)
- Vice-President: Lea McGee (Education) and Robert O'Connell (Basic Science)
- Secretary: Eugene Turner (Wetlands) and Daniel Yannitelli (Engineering)

Members at Large: Thomas Gullidge (Business), William Henk (Veterinary Medicine), Daniel Littlefield (Arts & Sciences), and Gene Reagan (Agriculture)

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April Faculty Senate meeting.

A motion to accept the slate of candidates for Faculty Senate offices was made by Senator Arnas, seconded by Senator Yannitelli, and passed.

3. Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 84-6

Senator Schupp (chairman of the ASH Committee) spoke on the background of the Resolution and the need for such a procedure to be required. There was a discussion centering on the relative merits of having an advisor or instructor sign a drop slip, the time element of adding one more person to the handling of drops, and the relative needs of different departments.

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 84-6

Prior to approving a student's request to drop a University course numbered 2999 or below, all University colleges, schools and divisions should require the student to obtain the signature of the course instructor. This requirement should apply only after the official date for awarding the W-grade.

A motion to accept Resolution 84-6 and put in on the April Agenda for a final vote was made by Senator Babin, seconded by Senator Bankston, and passed. A motion to have the Resolution rewritten was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Senator Bankston, and passed.

4. Consideration of Faculty Senate Resolution 84-7

Senator Cordell introduced the Resolution and argued for its importance. There was much discussion regarding the right to divert self-generated revenues, the amount of university resources diverted to athletics, and the need for the university to be as aggressive in raising funds for academics as the athletic department is in raising funds for athletics.
WHEREAS Louisiana State University is the preeminent public institution of higher education in the state; and

WHEREAS budgetary constraints have seriously impeded the academic progress of the University; and

WHEREAS the athletic programs owe their very existence to their sponsorship by the University; and

WHEREAS the athletic program does little or nothing to attract top scholars and students to the University; and

WHEREAS University administrators have spent an inordinate amount of time dealing with athletic matters; and

WHEREAS faculty are expected to accommodate athletes whose game and travel schedules conflict with scheduled class requirements; and

WHEREAS faculty and staff receive no financial benefits from the athletic programs; and

WHEREAS people attending athletic contests frequently abuse and deposit refuse indiscriminately on University property; and

WHEREAS donation of funds for athletic programs mistakenly creates the impression in the donor that he/she has contributed to the well being of the entire University; and

WHEREAS large expenditures on athletic programs in a time of austerity for the rest of the University create the impression that the athletic programs are more important than academic programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a reasonable proportion of revenues generated by athletic programs be allocated by the Board of Supervisors to academic programs which are unrelated to the staff or students involved in athletic programs.

A motion to accept Resolution 84-7 and put it on the April Agenda for a final vote was made by Senator Yannitelli, Senator Arnas, and passed.

Senator Ricapito introduced a substitute Resolution authored by Dr. Weintraub and further discussion followed.

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WHEREAS the athletic programs do little or nothing to attract top scholars and students to the University; and

WHEREAS over the years a disproportionately large amount of resources have been committed to the athletic programs at the expense of the academic programs; and

WHEREAS faculty and staff receive no financial benefits from the athletic programs; and

WHEREAS the donation of funds for the athletic programs mistakenly creates the impression in the donor that he/she has contributed to the well-being of the entire University; and

WHEREAS large expenditures on the athletic programs in a time of austerity for the rest of the University create the impression that the athletic programs are more important than the academic programs of the University;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT potential donors be encouraged to designate their contributions to be used for the University's academic programs as well as its athletics programs, and that at least half of all funds donated to, and net profits on operations of, the athletic programs be allocated by the Board of Supervisors to the research and teaching functions of the University.

The Faculty further requests that a copy of this statement be published in the next issue of the LSU Magazine, and that the Chancellor draft a statement of LSU's priorities and academic needs, to be included in all future athletic fund-raising letters.

A motion to accept the substitute Resolution for discussion was made by Senator Ricapito, seconded by Senator Paskoff, and passed.

After much discussion, a motion to table substitute Resolution 84-7 was made by Senator Linnartz, seconded by Senator Turner, and passed.

5. Old Business There was no old business.

6. New Business A motion that the Executive Committee appoint an ad-hoc committee to study the two Resolutions and report their findings to the April Faculty Senate meeting was made by Senator Turner, seconded by Senator Paskoff, and passed.

There being no further business, President Paxton adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lea McGee, Secretary